MEDIA FAST TRACK

It was one of those days for former Star editor **David Burgin**, sent by Joe Allbritton to Paterson, New Jersey, to run his newspaper, The News. A reporter wrote about a Paterson resident and his "invalid wife." A desk editor thought "invalid" meant "not valid" instead of "crippled." So he changed the description to "common law wife." Result: one mad citizen with a lawyer.

Watergate **Judge John Sirica** begins work on his memoirs with a hardback-paperback deal from Norton and New American Library said to be in six figures. Ghostwriter is Time reporter **John Stacks**, the magazine's news editor during Watergate . . . The Detroit News' man in Washington, reporter **Seth Kantor**, has his paperback book *The Secret of Jack Ruby* bought by new hardback house, Everest, for fall list.

Could Richard Nixon have predicted the legacy of his White House organization chart? In a memo admitting Hustler magazine has not always been a fun place to work, former Yippie and new Hustler publisher **Paul Krassner** last month proclaimed a new era. He ordered all firings be cleared with him and wrote he was remiss in not speaking up sooner about "sadistic disrespect" to which employees had been subject. "I will not become a Nixon to anyone's Haldeman and Erlichman," Krassner wrote. "We will not treat employees like pieces of meat any more." Editor **Bruce David** took that as a slap at his management style and fired back a memo calling Krassner a "totally incompetent publisher" who has "ruined" Hustler. With carbons to the staff.